



The School District of Philadelphia

Grant Opportunity Newsletter

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Office of Grant Development

All,

I am pleased to share another issue of the Office of Grant Development newsletter, which features a curated list of grant opportunities for which individual teachers, schools and/or community partners may apply. Formal central office "approval" to apply for any of these grants is not needed, but it is very important that you communicate with your principal about any resources you are hoping to bring into your school. We strongly encourage you to contact us in the Office of Grant Development if you are considering applying for a grant. Our team of experienced grant-writers can help you by discussing strategy or reviewing drafts. You can email us at grants@philasd.org, or find more resources on our webpage. <https://www.philasd.org/grants/>

Hello
Autumn



Good luck to everyone pursuing grants on behalf of Philadelphia public schools!

Michael Sonkowsky, Deputy Chief
Office of Grant Development

NOTE: Funders may change their mission, strategy, and target recipients at any time and some funders have stopped accepting proposals during the pandemic. The OGD has reviewed all of the opportunities to ensure that all are still accepting applications as of September 30th and are appropriate for our audience, however, it is possible that changes were made after our review. Please be sure to carefully review the funder's policies and practices before beginning any application and reach out to OGD with any changes you find.



OGD Announcements

School Resource Academy Info Sessions

School Resource Academy is an equity project of the Office of Grant Development for principals and their school teams interested in cultivating fund development skills. This equity project is for schools previously minimally involved in raising funds for their classrooms and have few engaged community supporters. Learn about this exciting new project and how to participate at one of the upcoming virtual drop-in info sessions:

Monday, November 8th at 10:00am
Tuesday, November 9th at 1:30pm
Wednesday, November, 10th at 4:00pm

Please use Google Meet Code for all sessions: OGDROOM

If these sessions don't work for your schedule or if you have questions now, please contact Laura Lau at llau@philasd.org



School Resource Academy



Literacy Grant Teaser

Classroom grant opportunity coming soon! Are you a teacher in grades K to 3 with an idea to strengthen early literacy in your classroom? Have you made good progress and are looking for that extra boost to take your students to the next level? Coming soon, from the Fund for the School District of Philadelphia, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, classroom grants for teachers with innovative, research-based ideas to improve literacy.





Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: 2022 Youth Garden Grant

Due Date: Friday, December 17th, 2021

Eligible Applicants: Any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the United States or US Territories planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply.

Purpose: Since 1982, the Youth Garden Grant has supported school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities.

Estimated Range of Awards: Award packages valued at \$1050

Website: https://kidsgardening.org/2022-youth-garden-grant/?mc_cid=3a87ad9c90&mc_eid=e5e8e6ca38

Opportunity: The Peter R. Marsh Foundation, Middle School Music Grant.

Due Date: September 1 - January 31st , 2021

Eligible Applicants: All public Middle Schools in the United States, which have a music curriculum, are eligible to apply for the Peter R. Marsh Foundation's Music Grant.

Purpose: The primary purpose of the Music Grant Program is to support schools in their prioritized efforts to embed social and emotional intelligence in students. Student participation in public service activities is widely recognized as an effective way to accomplish this objective. The Music Grant Program endows student public service.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$1,000

Website: <https://www.prmfoundation.org/music-grant/>



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: American Battlefield Trust Civil War Traveling Trunk

Due Date: The application window opens August 1

Eligible Applicants: All Teachers

Purpose: The Civil War Traveling Trunk program provides reproduction Civil War artifacts, books, music, and other various materials for teachers to utilize during their Civil War-era instruction. The trunk fosters greater interest in the American Civil War and battlefield preservation by allowing students to have a hands-on experience.

Estimated Range of Awards: The Civil War Traveling Trunk is FREE for teachers!

Website: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/educators/resources/civil-war-traveling-trunk>

Opportunity: The Awesome Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing - every other month on the second Tuesday

Eligible Applicants: Anyone

Purpose: To support anyone working on a project to improve their community in Philadelphia

Estimated Range of Awards: \$1,000

Website: <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/philadelphia>



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

Due Date: Rolling basis, being in August of each school year

Eligible Applicants: Elementary Educators, 501c3s

Purpose: Funding is available for the production of plays and musicals performed by elementary school students (grades 1–5) in a school program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300

Website: <http://lovettfoundation.org/apply.html>

Opportunity: Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: 501c3s

Purpose: To inspire and enable high-poverty youth to participate in sports.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$25,000

Website: <https://www.sportsmatter.org/faq/>



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Classics Association of the Atlantic States Grant

Due Date: Rolling

Eligible Applicants: Teachers

Purpose: Each year CAAS offers its members grant money to strengthen the teaching of and foster public support for the languages, civilizations, and cultures of ancient Greece and Rome.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$600

Website: <https://caas-cw.org/caas/grants/>

Opportunity: SnapDragon Book Foundation

Due Date: November 2021-February, 2022

Eligible Applicants: Any school library that serves disadvantaged youth may apply.

Purpose: The Snapdragon Book Foundation was started in December, 2008 to provide funds to improve school libraries for disadvantaged children. Grants will be awarded to public, private, and experimental schools.

Estimated Range of Awards: Grants typically range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Website: <http://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/application/>



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Team First Book Philadelphia

Due Date: The 1st of every month

Eligible Applicants: Community-based mentoring, tutoring, and family literacy programs

Purpose: TFBP provides new books to children in need addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy – access to books. TFBP supplies books to schools, after-school programs and other organizations that already have the tools to teach and use the books for lessons, and then the books go home with the kids so they can share the joy of reading with their family and friends. All books distributed by First Book are brand new and are provided at no cost to the child.

Estimated Range of Awards: Varies

Website: <https://www.firstbookphiladelphia.org/apply-for-books>



School-Based Staff ONLY: DonorsChoose Match Offers

Make sure to check out this month's DonorsChoose Match Offers for Pennsylvania!

<https://www.donorschoose.org/match-offers>



Some Current Highlights Include:

****Please note that match offers change frequently****

- **2x or 3x Matching Grants for Literacy Resource Kits:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360063575853>
- **Tony the Tiger and Kellogg's Frosted Flakes® 2x matching donations on middle school sports projects:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360032750234>
- **Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation 2X match for sports team projects:** <https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/206863337>
- **Reading Plus Subscriptions 2X matching Grant:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360063705513>
- **2X matching donations on projects requesting a Study.com subscription:** <https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360058304974>

Don't see a match offer for your classroom, consider making your own, start your project today www.donorschoose.org





Literacy Resources for Teachers

Some Current Highlights Include:

****Please note that some resources require memberships****

The Book Bank: <https://readingrecycled.org/the-book-bank-1>

The Book Bank is member supported through annual dues of just \$25. In exchange for those dues, Book Bank Members receive up to 375 books per school year, as well as classroom supplies, with a combined value of over \$4,000. We are chiefly supported by the kind and generous donations of many individual, community, and corporate partners.

Note: The Philly Book Bank is located at Martin Luther King High School, 6100 Stenton Avenue, Room T137.

Book Smiles: <https://www.booksmiles.org/>

BookSmiles, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, promotes literacy and the joy of reading by giving books to children throughout New Jersey and Greater Philadelphia. We provide students and younger siblings with high-quality new or gently used books, laying the groundwork for academic success.

Your online donation of \$25 will provide you with 100 books to distribute to your students and school community!





Additional Resources

Policy 702

https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2019/07/702_Gifts-Grants-Donations-and-Student-Fundraising_Policy_May.pdf



Policy 702.2

<https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2018/07/Policy-702.2.pdf>

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